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Virginia Department of Aviation announces new agency Director

Governor Mark R. Warner recently named Randall Burdette of Stafford County to serve as Director of the Virginia Department of Aviation. Burdette succeeds Charles S. Macfarlane, who resigned this summer to pursue business opportunities.

Burdette has 26 years experience in Department of Defense-related enterprises, and has extensive experience as an aviator: 28 years in General Aviation with over 2,000 flight hours in fixed wing aircraft, and more than 24 years flying, supporting and commanding U.S. Army helicopter units. He most recently served as Program Manager for the Defense Department's Technology Initiative, which seeks to identify and support technology projects that are ready for DoD procurement or acquisition.

"Mr. Burdette has a strong background in both general and military aviation, and has demonstrated an ability to plan strategically and manage programs effectively," Governor Warner said. "I welcome him to our administration."

The mission of the Virginia Department of Aviation is to "progressively promote, develop and maintain a safe, technologically advanced, market driven air transportation system that provides the citizens of Virginia with convenient and efficient access to the expanding world community." It provides financial and technical assistance to eligible sponsors for the planning, development, promotion, construction and operation of airports and aviation facilities. It administers applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia, plans for the development of a state aviation system, promotes

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New Virginia Aviation Board member named

The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) announced recently that a new Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) member has been appointed by Governor Mark Warner.

Larry T. Omps has been selected as the new appointee to the VAB. He will represent Region Three (Northern Virginia) which includes: Reagan National, Dulles International, Culpeper Regional, Front Royal-Warren County, Gordonsville Municipal, Hartwood, Leesburg Executive, Luray Caverns, Manassas Regional, New Market, Orange County, Stafford Regional, Warrenton-Fauquier, Whitman Strip and Winchester Regional Airports.

Mr. Omps was born and raised in Winchester, Virginia. He is a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, served in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman and also graduated from John

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13th Annual Louisa County Airshow scheduled

Excitement abounds as the Industrial Development Authority of Louisa County finalizes plans for the 13th Annual Louisa County Airshow. The airshow is scheduled for Saturday, September 4, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The show will open with a “starburst” formation parachute jump, followed by a Pitts aerobatic performance by Charles Schwenker and an amazing YAK 55 Aerobatic show by Roger Marshall. The legendary Flying Farmer will also be dazzling the audience with his unforgettable appearance.

The Hardee’s Air Show Team will be performing throughout the day. The Hardee’s Airshow Team will have a FREE drawing and one lucky attendee will actually walk away with a Radio Control Airplane! Hanover Radio Control Club will also be entertaining the audience with their Radio Control Airplanes.

The all new Science Museum of Virginia Space Traveler will be making one of its first appearances. Come be one of the first to see this state of the art 53-foot traveling airmobile! Climb aboard to experience 20 hands on exhibits and discover “Traveling in Space,” “Living in Space,” and “Space Exploration”.

Airplane rides, provided by the Albemarle Flight School, will be available for a small fee. Aircraft will be fly-

ing in from all over the state, including a scheduled Lockheed C-60 Lodestar and Grumman US-2 Tracker. Special thanks to the Old Dominion Squadron Commemorative Air Force for arranging and sponsoring these historical aircraft to be available for static display. For more information on Old Squadron activities and membership opportunities, please contact Bob Halsey at (757) 836-3408.

An opportunity to test your pilot skills on a M-4 flight simulator, complete with four different flight programs, will also be available for a nominal fee.

Also available will be food, free balloons, face painting and a variety of vendors.

Attendance at the annual airshow continues to grow each year and estimated crowds of 5,000-6,000 have enjoyed the festivities in the past. Admiral Dewitt Freeman (ret.), Airport Committee Chairman, organized the first airshow and continues to spearhead the annual event.

There’s no landing fee and admission to the event is FREE also. Come on out to the Louisa County Airshow where there’s definitely something for everyone to enjoy!

For more information, please contact Dawn Pickhardt, Airport Administrator, at 540-967-0050.

Virginia Aviation Events

September 4, 2004 12th Annual Louisa County Air Show will be held at Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Aerobatic performances, airplane rides, skydivers, and aircraft exhibits. Free admission. A fun-filled family event. For more information contact Dawn Pickhardt at (540) 967-0050.

September 5, 2004 New Kent County Airport Air Show and Fly-In. Please contact Airport Manager Bill Kelly at (804) 932-3984 for more information.

September 18-19, 2004 8th Annual Virginia State EAA Fly-in at Dinwiddie County Airport (PTB). Full range of activities including pancake breakfast each day, forums, vendors, special kids tent and activities and an afternoon air show. Over 600 planes will fly-in including homebuilts, antiques, classics, war birds, ultralights and powered parachutes. Under-the-wing and RV camping available. This is a super family event and Virginia’s largest fly-in. For more info visit www.vacaa.org or call 804-358-4333.

September 24 - 26, 2004 NAS Oceana Air Show will be held. Please visit www.neptuneairshow.com for more details.

October 9, 2004 Airfest 2004 will be held at the Culpeper Regional Airport in Brandy Station, VA, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Airfest includes an air show, food, static aircraft displays, etc. For more information call Tanya Woodward at (540) 825-8280 or visit www.culpepercounty.gov.

October 18-19, 2004 New Market Balloon Festival will be held at New Market Airport from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Robert Thomas at (540) 740-9454.

October 23-24, 2004 Chesterfield County Airport Days will take place at the airport. A celebration including antique planes, vehicles, World War I and II re-enactors, crafts, displays, plane rides, etc. For more information contact Charles Dane at (804) 743-0771.

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Pictured left to right:
Charlie Kulp, (Flying Farmer), John Murdock (announcer), Charlie Schwenker (performer), Dawn Pickhardt and Witt Freeman.

2004 Virginia Airports Revolving Fund Saves Borrowers Over \$2,200,000 In Debt Payments On Airport Expansion Projects

On April 2, 2004, five Virginia airports participated in the issuance of \$10,820,000 of revenue bonds through the **2004 Virginia Airports Revolving Fund (VARF) bond issue** to finance various capital improvement projects. **The combined total debt service savings for program participants was \$2,229,303 through this subsidized interest rate program.**

The VARF program is co-managed by the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA), as the financial administrator and manager for the Fund, and the Virginia Aviation Board, serving as the agency to prioritize airport-sponsored loan requests. Since program inception in 1999, the VARF has now provided over \$75,000,000 in cost-effective financing for the Commonwealth's airport capital project needs.

This year's borrowers used the proceeds of their VARF loans to fund the following projects...

Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Authority – Borrowed \$6,703,273.69 to refund both their Series 1995 terminal/parking facility bonds and the Series 1998 parking/revenue control system bonds. **The Authority saved \$539,476, or \$26,974 annually, in interest costs by utilizing the VARF program.**

City of Manassas - Borrowed \$1,401,714.45 for construction of pad sites, an access road, and utilities to support four new corporate hangar facilities. **The City saved \$100,143, or \$5,007 annually, in interest costs by utilizing the VARF program.**

Stafford Regional Airport Authority - Borrowed \$743,719.48 for construction of a fuel farm, nine T-hangars, and one corporate hangar facility. **The Authority saved \$182,641, or \$7,306 annually, in interest costs by utilizing the VARF program.**

Winchester Regional Airport Authority - Borrowed \$1,770,014.21 for construction of 19 T-hangars, along with a refunding of their Series 1990 and 1996 bond issues. **The Authority saved \$174,746, or \$8,737 annually, in interest costs by utilizing the VARF program.**

Blue Ridge Airport - Borrowed \$200,000.00 for construction of two corporate hangars and three T-hangars. **The Authority saved \$7,614, or \$508 annually, in interest costs by utilizing the VARF program.**

Selected VARF participants that have previously financed various capital improvement projects include a terminal building at the Dinwiddie Airport Authority, a parking garage at the Richmond International Airport, T-hangars for the Tazewell County Airport, and a rental car facility at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport.

There are no issuance costs to borrow through the VARF, outside of your local bond counsel fees. Interest rates are subsidized by a minimum of one-half of one percent (0.50%) below the prevailing market rates, and financing is available on an annual application cycle.

Eligible financing expenses include administrative, engineering, and legal fees, along with construction, equipment, and land costs. Eligible projects include facilities related to the needs or convenience of passengers, shipping companies and airlines, machinery and equipment, roadways, and aviation rights and other rights-of-way. Please note that this year's interest rates letter will be mailed out soon and completed applications will be due on October 1, 2004.

The VARF applications are available through the VRA web site at www.virginiaresources.org or you may call VRA at (804) 644-0310 to receive an application by mail.



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aviation and licenses aircraft, airports, and landing areas.

"I want to thank Governor Warner for providing this opportunity to apply my management expertise and my passion for aviation into a key role for the Commonwealth's Department of Aviation," Mr. Burdette said.

The Director is responsible for managing the Department, and provid-

ing timely information to the Governor, Secretary of Transportation, the Virginia Aviation Board and citizens of Virginia.



Sept. 18-19, 2004
Virginia State EAA Fly-In
Visit the VA EAA website:
www.vaeaa.org



Better than ever: Virginia State EAA Fly-In

On September 18-19, 2004, hundreds of homebuilt, antique, classic and commercially built aircraft will gather at the Dinwiddie County Airport. After successful seven years in which as many as 650 aircraft and 4800 people attended, The Virginia Council of EAA Chapters, Inc., with support from the Virginia Department of Aviation, the FAA, the Dinwiddie Airport and Industrial Authority are sponsoring the 8th Annual Virginia State EAA Fly-in. Gate hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday. The Dinwiddie County Airport (PTB)



is off the I-85 Exit 61 five miles southwest of Petersburg. The new main airport entrance is on US 460 and the ultralight, powered parachute and RV parking access is slightly farther west on US 460 at the Industrial Park entrance.

This two-day family event will host hundreds of aircraft as well as thousands of drive-in attendees. The success of the event is critically tied to the number of volunteers who sign up. Signing up is very easy on the fly-in web site, www.vaeaa.org, which lists work areas and times. Schedules of forums and workshops, all related to aviation technology and techniques, are also listed on the web site. The daily 1 to 3 pm air show will feature:

- The Split Image team flying a pair of Pitts biplanes
- Charlie Kulp, the "The Flying Farmer", attempting to fly his J-3 Cub
- Bill Finagin wringing out his Panzer One and his Pitts
- Hanover RC Club flying a multi-aircraft, radio controlled routine
- Charlie Schwenker flying his Extra 300

Many aviation related companies, including for the first time, Aircraft Spruce & Specialty, will attend to sell their wares. A donation of \$10 for persons 14 and older is payable at the gate. Children 13 and under are free. There is no charge for parking.

Ultralights will be able to arrive and depart throughout fly-in on the Ultralight Runway except during the air show when the field will be closed. A number of privately owned military

aircraft are expected. A special tent with aviation activities including making a wooden wing rib will be available for kids. Younger kids will find a group of pedal planes to ride. NASA Langley will attend to help with special hands-on kid and teen activities. Kids and adults can experience flying real control line model airplanes in a special circle with instructors.

All pilots are urged to visit Aircraft Registration tent and sign in. This information is critical as a tool to help the Council attract more and better vendors and forum presenters. Aircraft judges will judge any aircraft displaying a "Judge Me" prop card available at aircraft registration. Awards will be distributed Sunday afternoon and later

listed on the web site. This year a Fly-Mart will operate for those wanting to place aviation-related consignment items for sale.

A \$2 per ticket donation enters you in one of three drawings to support the fly-in. The winners will take home a Garmin Pilot III GPS, an ICOM A-4 aviation transceiver or a P-51 style pedal airplane.

The popular pancake breakfast will be served in the main hangar from 8:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee for a



donation of \$5.25. Food vendors will offer fast-food type items throughout both days.

Those who fly in can camp for free with their plane. RV parking will be available for a donation of \$10 per night. The RV parking area will open **Friday morning the 19** until noon on the Monday the 22nd. The RV parking area is at the end of the Airport Industrial Park Road.

For the latest information on the fly-in, including last minute decisions related to weather, log onto the fly-in web site, www.vaeaa.org or call 804-358-4333.

**2004 Virginia State
EAA Fly-In
Sept. 18 & 19, 2003
*Be There!***

Leesburg Executive Airport opens new terminal

Leesburg Executive Airport recently opened their new \$4 million terminal building.

The 18,339-square-foot Stanley F. Caulkins Terminal facility, which had a ceremonial opening in May but did not officially open its doors to new tenants until recently, has 5,554-square-feet of leasable space for flight schools, aircraft sales companies and fuel suppliers.

Welcoming Gulfstreams and Cubs alike, Leesburg Executive Airport delivers comprehensive services without the congestion, expense and delays common to larger airports. Godfrey Field offers full general aviation services during business hours and after hours by request. Services include: piston and turbine maintenance, parts department, avionics shop, aircraft sales, charter, and 100LL and Jet A Fuel. Designated by the FAA as a Reliever Airport for Dulles International, the airport boasts a 5,500-foot runway, and three non-precision instrument approaches with plans for a precision approach in the future.

For the passenger, Leesburg Executive Airport can assist with hotel reservations, rental cars, limo service and catering. There's a conference room available right on the field, and feature comforts like free ice and coffee are



Virginia Aviation Board allocates funds to Commonwealth's airports

At its bimonthly meeting held in Richmond, the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations for nine of the Commonwealth's airports from the Commonwealth Airport Fund, totaling \$447,619. **Receiving one of the largest allocations was Emporia-Greensville Regional Airport, in the amount of \$184,000 for Clear Span Hangar Site Preparation (construction).** Other airports receiving allocations from the VAB were:

- **Grundy Airport** in the amount of \$8,000 for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Update;
- **Lonesome Pine Airport** was awarded \$5,000 for AWOS Visibility Sensor Replacement;
- **Tazewell County Airport** was allocated \$24,681 for Ramp Lighting (construction) – Increase;
- **Ingalls Field** was awarded \$122,638 for Apron Rehabilitation – Non-AIP (construction);

- **Front Royal-Warren County Airport** was allocated \$14,000 for Fuel System Credit Card Reader (design/construction);
- **Manassas Airport** in the amount of \$15,700 for East Apron Rehabilitation & Expansion (design);
- **Tappahannock-Essex County Airport** was allocated \$73,600 for Runway, Taxiway, Apron, Etc., (design) – Increase – Archeological Treatment Plan;

In other significant VAB action, **Norfolk International Airport** was awarded \$10,000 for Air Service Development.

The Virginia Aviation Board has eight members representing seven regions. The Board approves funding requests brought to it by the Virginia Department of Aviation, a state agency working to support and promote commercial and private aviation interests for the Commonwealth's 67 public-use airports.

always plentiful. For the flight crew, a courtesy car is available with a free parking permit if the group wants to go into Leesburg to get a bite to eat, shop and see the sights, or take advantage of a free pass to the town recreation center for a workout or a swim.

Whether flying into Leesburg Executive Airport for business or pleasure, you'll find experienced aviation profes-

sionals available to ensure that your plane and your plans are in good hands. And while you're here, why not take a trip into town to see why, since 1758, travelers to Leesburg have been discovering a new place to call home.



Culpeper Regional Airport now serves larger aircraft

On June 30, 2004, Culpeper Regional Airport celebrated the grand opening of the newly rehabilitated/lengthened and widened runway. When the airport first opened in 1968, the runway measured 3200-feet x 75-feet. In 1983 the runway was lengthened once again to 4002-feet. This year the runway now measures 5000-feet x 100-feet. The airport is now able to receive more corporate size jets and larger twin engine aircraft which will greatly benefit the business users of the airport. Do you work for a company that utilizes Culpeper Airport? If you work for Merillat Industries, Continental Teves, Inc., or the new Lowes store, just to name a few, then you work for a busi-

ness that uses Culpeper Airport.

This project was made possible by the joint efforts and joint funding of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Virginia Department of Aviation and Culpeper County.

"This newly renovated runway is dedicated to all the Aviation Enthusiasts that help make Culpeper Regional Airport one of the best general aviation airports in North America," said Airport Manager Tanya



Woodward. "We strive to meet the needs of our aviation community, so come and watch us grow."



Cutting the ribbon celebrating the opening of the newly lengthened runway.

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Tyler Community College with a mortuary science degree. He is president of Omps Funeral Home, Inc., a Winchester business serving that community since 1936.

Mr. Omps was elected Mayor of Winchester in 1996 and 2000 with his term ending this past June and currently serves as a member of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority. "I look forward to working with the Virginia Aviation Board and the Department of Aviation on their vision for a safe, efficient and technologically advanced Virginia transportation system," said Omps.

As a member of several aviation organizations to include the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Piper Owners Association, he is also a commercial pilot and holds instrument and multi-engine ratings. He is a licensed aircraft mechanic with airframe and power plant ratings and one of his many enjoyments is rebuilding antique airplanes.

Mr. Omps is married with three children and resides in Winchester.

Corporate Angel Network pilot volunteers needed

Going their way? Give a cancer patient a lift

Do your corporate jets ever fly an empty leg? Do your planes ever take-off with a seat or seats to spare? How about volunteering those seats to cancer patients traveling to or from treatment centers, if you happen to be going their way? Five hundred top corporations have already answered "Yes!" to these questions. They became participants in Corporate Angel Network

(CAN), and you can too.

CAN makes it easy. Using a proprietary and secure computer program, CAN volunteers match flights to patient requests, do all the paperwork and make all the arrangements. Call (914) 328-1313 for more information. For a current list of patient "rides needed," please visit: www.corpangelnetwork.org/corporate/seats.

Aviation Briefs

New Air Service at RIC

Richmond International has gained new air service recently. Northwest Airlines will provide flights to Memphis. Beginning September 1st, Northwest will offer two daily non-stops from Richmond to Memphis, a Northwest hub. Richmond travelers on Northwest can now transit through the other two Northwest hubs of Detroit and Minneapolis. The service to Memphis provides a connection that is more convenient for Northwest passengers traveling to points west.

The airport will also be the beneficiary of a new charter service to Cancun, the very popular Mexican resort on the Gulf. New weekly non-stop service will be offered by Apple Vacations.

Senator Allen calls for GA back to DCA

U.S. Senator George Allen (R-VA) has urged Homeland Security Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security Asa Hutchinson to put a plan in place by the end of the year to reopen Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to General Aviation (GA) activity. Allen made the remarks at a Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing recently. The De-

partment has been monitoring the issue, as well as working with trade associations, since September 11th, and understands that the decision rests with the NSA.

Although there have been indications during that time that there might be movement to open National to GA, there in reality is no concrete indication that a partial phase-in is possible in the short term.

Independence Air at ORF

Virginia based Independence Air has begun flights from Norfolk International Airport to Washington Dulles. Six daily flights are currently available, with two more available July 1st. Fares are advertised for as low as \$39. Independence joins Southwest Airlines as a low-fare carrier at the airport. Ken Scott, Executive Director at Norfolk International, notes that although Southwest serves Baltimore – Washington International (BWI), he feels as if Dulles is a different market – one that is really aligned with Washington in traveler's minds.

Norfolk is the only Virginia market Independence is serving other than their Northern Virginia hub.

Access to HEF and JYO

The creation of the Air Defense Intercept Zone (ADIZ) has caused access issues for pilots utilizing the General Aviation (GA) airports in Manassas and Leesburg. The ADIZ was created in the first quarter of '03 as a means of protecting the Federal District from unauthorized aircraft intrusions, and to help bolster national security objectives. The Department wrote the FAA and asked for "transition corridors" to the two airports, as they are within the ADIZ perimeter.

Requirements for filing flight plans and obtaining "prior permission" present operational difficulties for traffic at both airports, and transition corridors would aid airport access within the ADIZ. The proposal was submitted to the Interagency Airspace Protection Workgroup, and was denied.

Manassas is home to 417 based aircraft, while Leesburg has 224 based aircraft. Both are two of the busiest GA airports in the Commonwealth.

Underground Transit at IAD

Washington Dulles International is in the midst of the most expensive airport construction project currently underway in the nation. Tunneling has been in progress for an automated people mover system since Spring of this year, with completion expected in 2009. The tunnels initially will connect the main airport terminals out to concourses B and C.

Ultimately over 10,000 feet of tunnel will be constructed so that moving walkways and an airport train will be available for passengers. \$3 billion is being spent on the underground work along with a new Air Traffic Control Tower, reconstructed runways, and other improvements. Dulles has been using 49 "mobile lounges" to transport passengers to aircraft and remote terminals since the airport opened in 1962.

DOAV welcomes two new pilots

The Department has brought on two part-time wage pilots. Christine Abbott and Rachel Rea will join our list of pilots available to assist by serving as first officer on an as needed basis. Both Ms. Abbott and Ms. Rea hold Airline Transport Pilot certificates, the highest level FAA flight certificate attainable. Ms. Abbott has experience flying with Piedmont Airlines and the Wal-Mart Corp. She is a VA Tech Alumni. Ms. Rea has flight experience with UVA's flight Department, and is a certified FAA Flight Instructor.

Board Member Retirement

General Robert H. Neitz (USAF Ret.), who represented the Northern Region of the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB), attended his last meeting June 17th. General Neitz was appointed in March of '99.

The VAB and Department would like to express our gratitude for serving the Commonwealth during his tenure.

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EAA's AirVenture shows small decline

Oshkosh, Wisconsin show was held July 27-August 4

Preliminary figures from the Experimental Aircraft Association's 52nd annual EAA AirVenture fly-in convention show a 10-12% decrease from last year's estimated attendance of 770,000, due to weather, economic factors and other reasons.

Among the final figures for the event were:

- More than 10,000 airplanes from North America, Europe, South America, Africa and Australia;
- Among those airplanes were nearly 2,500 showplanes that were eligible for judging in one of 11 different categories;
- A near-record 802 commercial exhibitors (record: 807 in 2003);
- More than 30,000 campers housed along the EAA AirVenture flight line in aircraft camping areas or in the drive-in Camp Scholler facility adjacent to the flight line;
- Approximately 700 reporters from five continents, sending coverage worldwide;
- In excess of 4,000 volunteers who contributed more than 250,000 hours of service
- A total of 1,429 international aviation enthusiasts from 61 nations who registered at the International Visitors Tent (top three nations: Canada 438, Germany 144, Australia 117).

EAA AirVenture 2005 is tentatively scheduled for July 26-August 1, although finalized dates and theme will be announced later this year.



If you are interested in learning more about what is going on in the Department of Aviation, please call our office at (804) 236-3624 or our Sponsor Hotline at (800) 292-1034. Visit our website for updates on future events at: www.doav.virginia.gov.



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